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## **002-1.0 PURPOSE**

To establish a system for communicating timely information or changes in administrative procedures to Division of Licensing Programs (DOLP) personnel.

#### 002-2.0 SCOPE

This standard operating procedure applies to changes in *procedures* within the Division that may apply to central or licensing office staff and need to be implemented prior to the development or revision of a standard operating procedure.

## 002-3.0 **DEFINITIONS**

<u>Administrative bulletins</u> – Brief communications from the division director that convey timely information and indicate immediate changes in procedures pending the development or revision of a standard operating procedure.

#### 002-4.0 PROCEDURES

#### 002-4.1 Standard Administrative Bulletin Format:

- 1. Administrative bulletins shall be prepared as needed in the format set forth in Attachment A.
- 2. Administrative bulletins shall be effective upon issuance or as stated therein.
- 3. The division director shall assign a number for each administrative bulletin.

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## 002-4.2 Developing Administrative Bulletins:

Administrative bulletins shall be developed at the direction of and be approved by the director of the Division of Licensing Programs. Any staff that determines a need may make a recommendation through normal reporting channels.

#### 002-4 3 Access and Maintenance.

- 1. Central office staff shall distribute administrative bulletins to all staff affected by any changes to established procedures.
- 2. Managers and administrators shall review the administrative bulletin with staff at the next scheduled staff meeting or sooner if necessary.
- 3. Recipients shall maintain bulletins in the DOLP Standard Operating Procedures Manual at the back of the standard operating procedure to which it applies.
- 4. Recipients shall place the bulletin at the front of the manual if it relates to a matter which has yet to be addressed in a standard operating procedure.
- 5. The procedure specialist for the Division shall maintain the current version of the DOLP Standard Operating Procedures Manual, including each administrative bulletin, electronically on the VDSS local agency site.

#### **002-5.0 AUTHORITY**

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#### 002-6.0 RESPONSIBILITY

This standard operating procedure applies to every employee in the Division of Licensing Programs. The division director – along with all managers and administrators – shall ensure compliance by division employees with all aspects of this standard operating procedure.

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## 002-7.0 INTERPRETATION

The director of the Division of Licensing Programs shall be responsible for interpreting or granting any exceptions to this standard operating procedure.

**002-8.0 SUPERSEDES:** SOP-002, effective November 2001

**002-9.0 EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 20, 2005

**002-10.0 REVIEW DATE:** Two years from the effective date.

Reviewed and Approved by:

Carolynne H. Stevens, Director Division of Licensing Programs Date: May 12, 2005

# **Attachment A**DIVISION OF LICENSING PROGRAMS

## **ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN**

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Administrative Bulletins shall be reviewed immediately and placed in the appropriate section of the DOLP Standard Operating Procedures Manual pursuant to SOP-002, section 4.3.

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